

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend, without prejudice, paragraph 42 as follows:

--The above-described communications between a filer 2 and a policy engine 6 can be implemented with the help of interface definition language (IDL) files, which are platform-independent representations of data as exchanged between two machines. Certain embodiments of the invention employ two IDLs, referred to as fprequest.idl and fpcompletion.idl. Fprequest.idl describes the RPC calls made by the filer 2 to the policy engine 6, i.e., the screen request RPCs.--